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1. JOSE TIMERMAN, JACOBO TIMERMAN'S BROTHER, MET WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ON JANUARY 24 TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN SUBJECT CASE:

2. INSTITUTIONAL ACT PROCEEDINGS -----

THE TIMERMAN FAMILY LAWYER, DR. OCLANDER, WILL SUBMIT TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PATRIMONIAL RESPONSIBILITY THIS WEEK OR NEXT A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF THE ACQUISITION OF JACOBO TIMERMAN'S PROPERTIES. THE TIMERMAN LAWYER BELIEVES THAT THE EVIDENCE OF HOW MR. TIMERMAN ACQUIRED HIS PROPERTY HOLDINGS ARE AIRTIGHT. MR. TIMERMAN'S ASSETS ARE FEW. THEY CONSIST OF 2 APARTMENTS IN BUENOS AIRES, AN AUTOMOBILE, AND 45% OF THE SHARES OF THE PRINTING PLANT AND THE NEWSPAPER, LA OPINION. THE SHARES WERE

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RECEIVED BY MR. TIMERMAN AS AN INDUSTRIAL PARTNER IN TWO ARGENTINE CORPORATE ENTITIES--"COMPANIES OF CAPITAL AND WORK." THESE FIRMS WERE FOUNDED BY MR. DAVID GRAIVER AND MR. TIMERMAN. IN THIS INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIP, MR. TIMERMAN WAS AWARDED 50% OF THE SHARES FOR HIS KNOW-HOW AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT AND GRAIVER WAS AWARDED 50% OF THE SHARES FOR HIS CAPITAL INVESTMENT. LATER BOTH THE PARTNERS TURNED OVER 5% OF THEIR SHARES TO A MR. ROTHENBURG. THIS INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SPECIAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. FURTHERMORE, ALL NOTARIES IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY TRANSACTIONS THEY WITNESSED BY PERSONS PRESENTLY UNDER THE INSTITUTIONAL ACT.WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF THESE FEW TRANSACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN NO ALLEGATION OF OTHER PROPERTY HOLDINGS BY JACOBO TIMERMAN.

3. POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERENCE TO HOUSE ARREST -----

THE TIMERMAN FAMILY HAS LEARNED THAT ON DECEMBER 24 A DECREE WENT FOR SIGNATURE TO MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY TO PLACE JACOBO TIMERMAN IN HOUSE ARREST STATUS UNDER THE INSTITUTIONAL ACT. HOWEVER, supposedly DUE TO THE STRONG INTERVENTION OF FIRST ARMY CORPS COMMANDER SUAREZ MASON, ACTION ON THIS PETITION HAS BEEN FROZEN.

4. HEALTH AND WELFARE -----

ACCORDING TO HIS BROTHER, JACOBO TIMERMAN IS BECOMING

INCREASINGLY DEPRESSED AS CONTINUING LEGAL ACTION AND EFFORTS FOR HIS RELEASE PROVE TO BE INEFFECTIVE. HIS SPIRITS WERE EVIDENTLY MUCH BETTER WHEN HE WAS ENGAGED IN A DIRECT PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL FIGHT WITH HIS CAPTORS. NOW AS HIS FAMILY AND LAWYERS OVERCOME ONE LEGAL OBSTACLE ONLY TO FIND ANOTHER BLOCKING HIS FREEDOM, ~~XXX~~ Timerman's SITUATION LOOKS INCREASINGLY HOPELESS TO HIM.

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